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- 1. YOUR CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL ARE VALID AND SUGGESTIONS HAVE MERIT. DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO DISCUSS THEM WITH DEA. IN THE MEANTIME THE MEASURE YOU HAVE INSTITUTED IS FINE.
- 2. IN THE PAST DEA IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD HAS RESISTED EFFORTS WHICH WOULD CUT THEM OUT OF ROLE AS GOBETWEEN IN PASSING INFORMATION. THEIR ARGUMENT IS THAT IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES IT PROVIDES THEM A VALUABLE ENTREE AND ALLOWS THEM TO RECEIVE INFORMATION IN RETURN. NEVERLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THELESS, IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT GETTING FOREIGN NARCOTICS POLICE TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH EACH OTHER IS AN OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF OUR NARCOTICS EFFORT.

3. THE INC PROGRAM CONTAINS A LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL PROJECT FOR A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK TYING TOGETHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN COLOMBIA, PERU, BOLIVIA, ECUADOR

AND THE INTERPOL REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN ARGENTINA. THE SYSTEM WILL ALLOW EACH OF THE COUNTRIES TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE OTHERS AND THROUGH ARGENTINA, TO INTERPOL IN FRANCE. THE AIM WOULD BE TO PROVIDE A RELIABLE MECHANISM FOR INTER-COUNTRY SHARING OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE. THE EXISTING INTERPOL RADIO NETWORK IN LATIN AMERICA IS INADEQUATE AND UNRELIABLE. INC FUNDS WILL BE USED TO RENT SATILLITE CIRCUITS AND TELEX MACHINES DURING THE FIRST YEAR. DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF OPERATION, EACH COUNTRY WILL BE EXPECTED TO FUND MACHINE RENTAL AND A PORTION OF THE CIRCUIT RENTAL COSTS, AND BY THE THIRD YEAR ALL COSTS WOULD BE PHASED OVER TO THE COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS. A TECHNICIAN WILL BE VISITING POSTS SOON TO DISCUSS PROJECT. CHRISTOPHER

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